

House File 2121 - Introduced

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BY FREVERT

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to modification of a spousal support order
2 based on duration of the order.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 598.21A, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 Upon every judgment of annulment, dissolution, or separate
4 maintenance, the court may grant an order requiring support
5 payments to either party for a limited or indefinite length
6 of time. However, any order requiring support payments for
7 ten years or more shall be subject to modification pursuant
8 to section 598.21C at each ten-year interval of duration.
9 The court may grant the order after considering all of the
10 following:

11 Sec. 2. Section 598.21C, Code Supplement 2009, is amended by
12 adding the following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *Additional criteria for modification*
14 *of spousal support order.* In addition to the criteria for
15 modification of a spousal support order based on a substantial
16 change in circumstances as specified pursuant to subsection
17 1, a spousal support order requiring support payments for ten
18 years or more shall be subject to modification at each ten-year
19 interval of duration.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill provides that any order requiring spousal support
22 payments for 10 years or more shall be subject to modification
23 at each 10-year interval of duration. Current law provides
24 for modification of a spousal support order on the basis of a
25 substantial change in circumstances as specified in the Code.